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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 7 [redacted] b-1 ed EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HAD BEEN REASONABLY HONEST AND MOST IMPORTANT RESULT IS THAT SOUTH VIET NAM WILL HAVE LEGAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING SOUND BASE FOR FUTURE POLITICAL PROGRESS.

2. [redacted] WAS MORE SKEPTICAL OF UPPER HOUSE RESULTS AND SAID HE FELT INSTANCES OF GVN RIGGING WIDESPREAD IN

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SENATORIAL RACE. MAJOR CAUSE FOR SUSPICION, [redacted] SAID, IS LONG DELAY IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETURNS BY CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL. [redacted] ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN VOTE TALLIES AS ANNOUNCED IN SAIGON AND THOSE FURNISHED TO [redacted] BY HIS

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OWN OBSERVERS IN THE PROVINCES. [ ] RAN ON
DEFEATED UPPER HOUSE SLATE NO 46 HEADED BY RETIRED
GENERAL LE VAN NGHIEM.) DESPITE [ ]S OBVIOUS
DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT BEING SENATOR-ELECT, HE NOTED
WITH CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE THAT VIRTUALLY ALL SLATES
TAREPUTED TO HAVE SUPPORT OF NGUYEN CAO KY HAD BEEN DEFEATED.

3. ASKED ABOUT WORK OF NA'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE, [ ]
SAID FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS ELECTION RESULTS WILL
TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 9, DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF
RVOMPLAINTS TO THE ASSEMBLY.
OMPLAINTS WILL BE
TRANSMITTED TO CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL FOR REVIEW
ON SEPTEMBER 11. HAOUNCIL WILL THEN HAVE TWO WEEKS
TO EXAMINE COMPLAINTS AND REPORT BACK TO ASSEMBLY.
MEANWHILE ASSEMBLY WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 13 TO

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ANNOUNCE TEMPORARY RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
BASED ON WRITTEN REPORTS FROM PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

4. [ ] DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY PREDICTION AS TO HOW
[ ] COMMITTEE LIKELY TO RULE ON VALIDITY OF PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION. TENOR OF HIS CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, AND
FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THIEU AS FUTURE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED
THAT HE PERSONALLY IS NOT THINKING IN TERMS OF TRYING TO
GET ELECTION DECLARED INVALID. NONETHELESS, [ ]
OPPOSITIONIST BACKGROUND [ ]
[ ] AND HIS DEFEAT IN UPPER HOUSE RACE
(HE HAS NOT FILED FOR LOWER HOUSE), ARE FACTORS WHICH
COULD INFLUENCE HIM TOWARDS SUPPORTING ATTEMPT TO
DISCREDIT ELECTION.

5. AS CONVERSATION ENDED, [ ] PROMISED TO KEEP EMBOFF
FULLY INFORMED OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES. HE
ALSO OFFERED COME TO EMBOFF'S HOME EVENING SEPTEMBER 10
WITH COPIES OF ALL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY.

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